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COMMITTEE REORGANIZES HIGHER EDUCATION IN NORTHEAST

The Northeast Executive Committee has decided on a thorough reorganization of higher education in this area. While existing institutions have accomplished much during the past 3 years, a careful overhauling is needed to provide the technical training for large-scale national reconstruction along economic and cultural lines.

Up to now attention has been centered on training many thousand cadres to help with land reform and at the fighting front. The Northeast now has 28 schools on the professional level, enrolling 35,099 students. However, many still retain the character of special training classes. The quality of students and teachers leaves much to be desired, and standards are not uniform. In view of the large demand for scientists and technical specialists, modernization and standardization of the higher education system in the Northeast becomes an urgent task.

The Northeast Executive Committee has issued an overall directive concerning higher education in which nine colleges are formed out of the existing ~~or institutions~~. The others are to be converted to vocational middle schools or training classes.

The nine colleges include: Shen-yang Industrial Institute, Ha-erh-pin Industrial University, Shen-yang Agricultural Institute, Ha-erh-pin Agricultural Institute, Shen-yang Medical College, Ha-erh-pin Medical College, Lu Hsin Arts Institute, Foreign Languages School and Northeast Teachers College, and Yen-pien College for Training Korean Cadres.

Four years are required for graduation from courses in industrial technology, medicine, and natural science; 3 to 4 years for social science and cultural arts; and 2 years for specialized studies. Middle-school education is required for entrance to any of these colleges. The students

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now attending colleges are to be screened to meet the new requirements. No new students are to be matriculated this fall, except at the Ba-erh-pin Industrial University. The present program of public support for college students is to be discarded, and in its place a system of aid for highly-qualified indigent students is to be instituted. In addition, the committee fixed the standards for all professors, lecturers, and instructors. It issued a directive on additions to teaching staffs, strengthening of political education, designating Russian as the first foreign language, etc.

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